

LIBERTY STANDARD.

and on a careful reviewing of the whole matter with a single eye to the interests of Maine, we were induced to yield our conditional assent to the proposition made us, and we now submit our doing in behalf to the discretion of the Legislature and people of Maine. As part of our duty, we have, in illustrating the course of progress in the business, intrusted to you, we refer to the annexed copies of documents; and request that they should be considered and be considered as part of our report. We also send a copy of map A, so called, relating to the purpose of illustrating our position in answer to Lord Ashburton as to the source of the St. John intended by the American Commissioners, who negatived the Mitchell's treaty of 1783, also an extract from Mitchell's map of 1765 for the same purpose.

With the highest respect and consideration we are, your very obedient servants,

W. M. PREBLE,
EDWARD KAVANAGH,
JOHN OTIS.

From the Essex Transcript.

A Case Supposed.

Suppose the Massachusetts Legislature at its present session shall enact that all the day laborers, men and women, in the State, should be taxed after the first of March, next, according to their labor and capacities. Suppose the marketable value of the laborers thus transferred, to be \$5,000,000. Here would be a fine addition to the nominal property of the State. We could go into glorious speculations upon it and onto those of 1836-7. In spite of President Tyler's veto, with fifty millions of new capital, we could bid defiance to "hard times."

But let us look at it. Labor is the only source of wealth. Would the transformation of society stimulate men into toilings increase their labor? Not a fraction, the reverse rather. Of course, then the \$50,000,000 of law created property would be nominal merely—a legal fiction—wholly unreal. Yet it would be added to the real property of the State, it would be made the basis of all business transactions, and enter into all legitimate property. What would be the effect? Speculation—over-trading of course, to be followed by disastrous revolution and bankruptcy.

"We have \$1,200,000 of slave property," says Henry Clay, in 1839, "and what the law makes property, is so." Not so, Mr. Clay. All this slave property which the South boasts of is imaginary—unreal. A dream—worse than U. S. Bank stock. Yet the effect of this imaginary wealth on the country is a disastrous reality. By virtue of it the South's Slavey trade beyond that means—bankruptcy follows—and the North loses what she has sold. Maintaining a system of FICTITIOUS CAPITAL to the amount of ~~billions~~ hundred millions of dollars, concentrating at the South in inevitable

ruin.

A friend wishes in copy of the law of 1793, passed by Congress, respecting the arrest of fugitive slaves. He says, "some doubt its existence." The following is the law—Ed. Press.

"And be it enacted, that when a person held to labor in any of the United States, or in either of the territories on the north-western coast of the river Ohio, under the laws thereof, shall escape into any other of the said States, or territories, or into the person whom such labor or services may be due, his agent, or attorney, is hereby empowered to seize or arrest such fugitive from labor, and to take him or her before any Judge of the Circuit or District Courts of the United States, residing within the state, or before any magistrate in a county, city, or town corporate, where such a seizure or arrest shall be made, and upon the *affidavit* of the said oral testimony or affidavit, taken before or certified by a magistrate of any State or territory, that the person so seized or arrested, under the laws of the state or territory from which he or she fled, one service or labor to the person claiming him or her, it shall be the duty of such judge or magistrate to give a certificate to such claimant, his agent or attorney, which shall be sufficient for removing the said fugitive from labor to the state or territory from which he or she fled." [Biore and Duane, Vol. III, p. 111.]

That is the section "verbiage et literam" of the law, and if it does not give to the slave catcher all the power the abolitionists claim that it does, then our columns are open for argument upon it. It is a law just worthy of the miserable wretches who made it—c. c.

NOTTINGHAM, Dec. 15, 1842.
To Messrs. B. Cleary, W. M. H. Hale, and Jonathan Cardigan.

GENTLEMEN:—Your communication dated the 10th instant, has come to hand, in which I am informed that at a Convention of the Library Association, Nov. 25th, and 26th, I was nominated as a candidate to represent the State of New Hampshire, at the 25th Congress of the United States. I feel a strong honor conferred on me in being selected, and my sincere thanks, I tender you that you could have selected one more able and better qualified to discharge the duties of the office.

You wish me to state through you, my views as touching the Liberty cause. I answer, I deeply apprehend of the importance of the same, in the political Anti-Slavery Party. We are in the minority, and the affairs of the Federal Government, in a great measure, will give practical effect to the declaration of independence, the spirit of the Constitution of the United States, and the Anti-slavery in the District of Columbia, the State of Florida, and the Union, and cut off the supports of the slave power, receive from the passage of the new Government.

I wish to support those inalienable rights for which our fathers fought and bled, and which among which is LIBERTY; for I hold slave-

ry to be a sin—a violation of the rights of God and man, as well as an evil in its results to the nation. Have we not a clear and just vindication of our cause, to be made before the consideration for which we live, whose framers believed their object to be to secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity? It is wrong for free States, with their *large majority*, to select men to sit with us, *free from spiritual influences*, to govern us. It is wrong to touch slavery in their pronouncements only by moral rebuke, and to give vent to their *own* feelings, and their encroachment on our own soil. Believing Congress has the right and the power to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia, and all the territories under the jurisdiction of the United States, to place a man in a South, and secure his constitutional priviliges at the North, I hold that our duties to God and man, our national reputation and prosperity—the permanency of our free institutions, and their transmission undiminished, are dependent that it should be done, and that we should now act for its accomplishment.

With great respect, Gentlemen,
I am your obedient servant,
JOSEPH CHILLEY.

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HOLLOWELL, JAN. 25, 1843.

"There is but one proper and effectual mode by which it (the abolition of slaves) can be accomplished, and that is, by the legislative authority. And this, so far as my *affidavit* will go, shall not be wanting."—George Washington.

The LIBERTY TICKET.

NOMINATIONS.

For President, A. D. 1844,
JAMES G. BIRNEY,
OF MICHIGAN.

For Vice President,
THOMAS MORRIS,
OF OHIO.



Eighth Annual Meeting of the Maine Anti-Slavery Society.

Rev. D. Thurlow read a portion of scripture and addressed the throne of Grace.

The following gentlemen were chosen a committee of arrangements: Prof. W. Smyth, A. Willey, Seth May, Rev. Mr. Redden, Rev. C. C. Cone, Rev. Mr. Ciessey, and John D. Safford.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee was read by Mr. A. Willey, which was accepted and laid on the table.

The following gentlemen were chosen a committee of nominations: Prof. Mr. Pease of Indiana, Mr. A. Clark, Gardner, Mr. Hawks Windham, Wm. H. wings, Augusta, S. Benjamin, Windham.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to take a roll of members present, Wm. R. Prescott, Hollowell, Sutherland, Wyman, New Haven.

Voted, That all persons present who are members of this or any other Anti-Slavery Society in the State of who may wish to become such, are considered members of this meeting.

Voted, That gentlemen from other States be requested to take part in the deliberations of this meeting.

The President read his Annual Report, which was cordially received by the auditors.

Voted to adjourn to meet at half past one o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday afternoon. Society met, prayer was offered by Rev. C. C. Cone.

The committee arrangements reported several resolutions. The following of which were discussed and adopted.

Resolved, That we are fully convinced, as ever, and more deeply impressed with the truth of the fundamental doctrine of the Anti-Slavery Association—that slaveholding, in all circumstances, is a flagrant sin against God and man.

Resolved, That slaveholding is without excuse—and that the unrepentant slaveholder as other flagrant transgressors of the law of God.

Adjourned to meet at half past six this evening.

Wednesday evening met agreeable to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Morse of Kent's Hill. The evening was spent in listening to statements in reference to Slavery by Rev. Lewis Clark, who was for 26 years a slave in Kentucky.

The meeting adjourned to meet Thursday morning at half past eight o'clock.

Meeting Thursday morning was opened by Prayer offered by Rev. Mr. Tappan of Augusta.

The following resolution was passed.

Resolved, That in the death of George Rogers Clark, for many years an able man, he maintained a great loss—as Mr.

you wish me to state through you, my views as touching the Liberty cause. I answer, I deeply apprehend of the importance of the same, in the political Anti-Slavery Party. We are in the minority, and the affairs of the Federal Government, in a great measure, will give practical effect to the declaration of independence, the spirit of the Constitution of the United States, and the Anti-slavery in the District of Columbia, the State of Florida, and the Union, and cut off the supports of the slave power, receive from the passage of the new Government.

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The resolution was accompanied by appropriate remarks by the mover, Gen. Appleton and the Chair, and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The committee of nominations reported the following list of Officers, which was accepted, and were all chosen.

Gen. SAMUEL FESSENDER, President.
Mr. AUGUST WILLEY, Cor. Sec.
Mr. SIMON PAGE, Recording Sec.

PAUL STICKNEY, Treasurer.

WM. HASTINGS, Wm. R. PRESCOTT, *§* *Administrators.*

Vice Presidents.

Daniel Appleton, York.

Zadock Humphrey, Cumberland.

D. F. Harding, Lincoln.

Francis Hanoul, Oxford.

Seth May, Kennebunk.

Anthony Woodward, Penobscot.

James Gilpatrick, Hancock.

Charles Morse, Franklin.

Ezra Colburn, Somerset.

Barzillay Burleigh, Piscataquis.

Benjamin Jones, Waldo.

Wm. A. Crocker, Washington.

Edward C. Fairfield, Aroostook.

Executive Committee.

David Thurston, Windham.

Wm. Synn, Brunswick.

Ezra Dole, Hallowell.

Austin Willey, ".

Samuel Adams, ".

D. B. Randall, ".

The following regulations were passed.

Resolved, That it is fitting to consider all persons present as members of this or any other Anti-Slavery Society in the State, or who may wish to become such, members of the Convention, it was not our intention to invite those that might present to take an active part in our proceedings.

Resolved, That the friends of the slaves in our northern churches go to the slaveholding states and purchase slaves with the avowed intention of improving their condition, and bettering their lot, then returning them by the same labor, then returning the price at which they were purchased. —Therefore, Resolved, That such course is unwaranted by the claims of humanity, uncalled for by the principles of christian benevolence, and ought to be rebuked.

Resolved, That the religious condition of the slaves is such as calls loudly upon the sympathies of all, and for the efforts of every christian in the land.

Adjourned to meet at half past six o'clock this evening.

Thursday evening. S. May Esq. in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Chapman in the Liberty Standard and Bangor Gazette.

The auditors reported that they had examined the Treasurer's account for the last year and found it correct.

Resolved, That Prof. Wm. Smyth, Rev. C. C. Cony and Rev. Samuel Adams, be appointed delegates to represent this society at the World's Convention to be held in London—and that the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint additional gentlemen or fill vacancies.

The audience was then addressed for an hour and a half by Mr. Lewis Clark, in giving a narrative of his life while in slavery, and his escape into the free States, which was listened to by a crowded audience with the deepest interest.

The following resolution was presented and after some discussion it was referred to Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the Anti-Slavery cause in this State also demands that this society should employ an able and efficient agent;—that such an agent can be secured, and that the society hereby pledges to support his Executive Committee in employing such an agent at his best period.

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Resolved, That the slaves in the Free States for the last 20 years have been brought into the service of God and man, and that the slaves in the Free States for the last 20 years have been brought into the service of God and man.

Resolved, That the 33,000 votes cast in the Free States for Liberty during the past year can be given to God, and encourage the hope that the slaves in the Free States are now working to do its perfect work and that we do not therefore work in vain.

Resolved, That we have great reason to rejoice at the recent success of the Democratic Party—while at the same time we have reason to rejoice in the defeat of the Whigs.

Resolved, That the Liberty Party does not agree with the Whig and Democratic parties in their principles of freedom and equality, and that we are compelled to act in accordance with our own principles.

Resolved, That as Congress is to sit upon the 4th of December, and that we are compelled to act in accordance with our own principles.

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